

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;  
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;  
Tony Hammond; and  
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices  
Priority Mail International Regional Rate  
Boxes Contracts 1 (MC2015-31)  
Negotiated Service Agreements

Docket No. CP2016-187

ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATION ONE TO  
PRIORITY MAIL INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL RATE BOXES CONTRACTS 1 AND  
DENYING AS MOOT MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued June 28, 2017)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Agreement) is set to expire June 30, 2017.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service seeks to extend the Agreement pursuant to Modification One executed by the Postal Service and its contract partner.<sup>2</sup> Modification One extends the expiration date of the Agreement until July 31, 2017. Motion at 1.

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<sup>1</sup> See Order Approving Priority Mail International Regional Rate Boxes Contract 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, June 8, 2016 (Order No. 3362).

<sup>2</sup> See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification to Priority Mail International Regional Rate Boxes Contracts 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, June 27, 2017 (Motion). The modification is attached to the Motion as Attachment 1 (Modification One).

The Postal Service states that it is in the process of negotiating a possible successor to the Agreement. *Id.* at 2. For this reason, the Postal Service requests an extension to maintain continuity of pricing and other terms and conditions of the agreement. *Id.*

The Commission finds that the extension will not affect the Agreement's ability to comply with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a). Extending the Agreement is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person. Consequently, the Commission reaffirms its findings in Order No. 3362 and approves Modification One. The Agreement, as modified, is authorized to continue through July 31, 2017. Accordingly, the Motion for Temporary Relief is denied as moot.<sup>3</sup>

*It is ordered:*

1. The Agreement, as modified, is authorized to continue through July 31, 2017.
2. The Postal Service's Motion for Temporary Relief is denied as moot.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble  
Secretary

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<sup>3</sup> In its Motion, the Postal Service acknowledges that the Commission has previously directed it to file motions for temporary relief at least one week prior to the expiration date of the agreement. Motion at 1 n.3. The Postal Service states that it "sent [Modification One] to the customer on June 20, 2017, the customer signed the modification on June 26, 2017, and the Postal Service signing authority received the modification on June 26, 2017." *Id.* The Commission has repeatedly stated that motions for temporary extensions of an agreement should be filed at least one week prior to the agreement's expiration date. See, e.g., Docket No. CP2013-70, Order No. 3495, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief, September 2, 2016, at 1 n.1. Failure to do so may compromise the Commission's ability to act prior to the contract's expiration, which may inadvertently harm the Postal Service's customers (e.g., inability to ensure continuity of previously negotiated rates).